

MEXICANS OFFER PLAN TO SAFEGUARD BORDER TO JOINT COMMISSION

Carranza Representatives Insist Pershing's Column Must Be Withdrawn, but Propose Strong Frontier Patrol

UNABLE TO COMPROMISE

Carranza Threatens War Unless Troops Withdraw

EL PASO, Oct. 3.—Information has been brought here from Mexico City by a well-informed American that General Carranza is declaring that unless an agreement to withdraw American troops from Mexico is reached promptly, he will withdraw his delegation from the Atlantic City conference and will go to war with the United States if necessary to force General Pershing out.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 3.—On the resumption of the Mexican conference here the Mexican commissioners, acting on instructions from Carranza, again urged the withdrawal of all American troops from Mexican soil and presented the following plan for the protection of the American border:

First. That the American troops guard the American border on the American side wherever the railroads on American soil run parallel or close to the border. (This would roughly call for dividing the American forces into three parts, one to guard the border on the American side from Nogales to Douglas, one to guard it from Hermosillo to Fort Hancock, and the third stretched from the neighborhood of Longfellow to Eagle Pass.)

Second. That the Mexican troops guard the border on the Mexican side where there are no railroads in close proximity to the border.

Third. That a system of communication be maintained between the American and Mexican forces by means of officers "de liaison" so that information may readily be transmitted and steps taken to head off bandits, etc.

Fourth. That a reciprocal agreement be entered into giving the forces of either country the right to cross the border into the territory of the other on a hot trail within a given zone of 100 miles.

The Mexican Commissioners took great pains to point out that they are as anxious as their American colleagues can possibly be to protect the American border and to make impossible the renewal of such incidents as the Columbus raid. They asserted their belief that the plan proposed by them would achieve the purpose of the conference.

They pointed to the fact that under Presidents Hayes and Garfield a somewhat similar arrangement was in force and that in General Grant's administration a reciprocal understanding existed for either side crossing the border.

CAMPAIGN STARTS THURSDAY

Republican City Chairman Issues Call for Old-Time Meeting

The Republican campaign in Philadelphia will open Thursday night with an old-time banner-raising and red lights and fireworks demonstration at the headquarters of the Republican city committee, Eleventh and Chestnut streets.

City Chairman David H. Lane has announced that at 8 o'clock next Thursday night all of the State, congressional and legislative candidates, with the members of the city committee and other prominent Republicans, will gather at headquarters to unfurl the banner.

The banner will bear portraits of Hughes and Fairbanks, Charles A. Snyder, candidate for Auditor General, and Harmon M. Kephart, candidate for State Treasurer.

Snyder, Kephart, Congressman William S. Vane, George S. Graham, J. Hampton Moore, George H. Edmondson, Peter E. Costello and George P. Darrow will speak.



MARQUIS OKUMA Head of the Japanese Cabinet, and the members of which have resigned.

OKUMA QUILTS POST AS JAPANESE PREMIER

Lack of Complete Support by Coalition Colleagues Believed Cause of Resignation

TOKYO, Oct. 3.—The Cabinet headed by Marquis Okuma resigned today. The Emperor had accepted the resignation of Home Minister Oura, whose withdrawal resulted from charges of bribery, and the Premier and the others immediately offered to step down. The Emperor summoned the Elder Statesmen into conference and afterward Okuma was urged to remain.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Persistent opposition of the Japanese upper non-elective House of Parliament to the policies of Premier Okuma is responsible for his resignation, news of which was cabled from Tokyo today. This is the belief of the embassy here.

Okuma's party controlled the majority of the lower house, but a coalition of other parties in the upper house was formed against him. It is said Okuma has for some weeks felt unable to continue the Government and face the upper house when it convenes in December.

Count Okuma is seventy-nine years old and has been Premier for two and a half years. It is considered likely that his advanced years have something to do with his desire to retire.

MOUNT HOLLY FAIR CROWDED AT OPENING

Agricultural Show and Race Meet Will Continue for Four Days

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Oct. 3.—The Mount Holly Fair opened today under auspicious conditions. The agricultural show and race meet will continue for four days. It is a real country show, with its mammoth white, yellow and speckled pumpkins and squashes, watermelons big enough to make a feast for a children's home, fruits and all kinds of farm products.

The housewife has done her share in making a feature of the culinary and fancy work departments. The art department is up to the usual standard and the judges are wondering where to place the premiums.

Manufacturers are here telling why their goods are better than the ones not shown and have no defendants on the grounds. Competition is so keen in the poultry department that the judges are busy. The cattle and dairy displays have many new features.

PASSENGER AGENTS

SELECT NEW ORLEANS FOR NEXT CONVENTION

Officers Elected, Charles W. Westbury, of Washington, Being Elected President

BUSINESS SESSIONS OVER

Officers were elected in a close fight and New Orleans was chosen unanimously as the 1917 convention city at the second and final business session of the forty-fourth annual convention of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents today at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Charles W. Westbury, of Washington, division passenger agent of the Southern Railway, was elected president to succeed William D. Wood, of St. Louis, district passenger agent of the Rock Island, defeating Martin J. Geary, of Seattle, traveling passenger agent of the Santa Fe, who was elected vice president over Norris S. Longacre, of this city, district passenger agent of the Pennsylvania. Elliott H. Monett, of Chicago, traveling passenger agent of the New York, Ontario and Western, was elected secretary-treasurer by a unanimous vote.

This afternoon the entire body boarded special trains at the Reading Terminal as guests of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway for Valley Forge. The delegates will return to the city at 5:45. A reception and ball will be held in the Bellevue tonight.

Tomorrow the delegates and women visitors will make a tour of various points of historical interest in and around the city. The trip will conclude next Sunday night in Philadelphia.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning the delegates will assemble at headquarters in the Bellevue-Stratford to be taken on an automobile tour through Philadelphia, the suburbs and Fairmount Park.

At 11:30 a. m. they will embark on a special boat at Chestnut street wharf for a trip up the Delaware to Fort Richard, thence down to Wilmington. Luncheon will be served on the boat. Special trolleys will convey the party from the landing at Wilmington to the Baltimore and Ohio station, from where they will depart for Baltimore and Washington as the guests of that railroad.

After spending the evening in the capital the association members have been instructed to meet on Thursday morning for a thirty-two-mile boat ride on the historic Potomac River. They will return in the early afternoon to Washington by trolley and later will be taken on a sight-seeing tour.

On Friday they plan to leave Washington en route for Gettysburg, Pa. Following luncheon, automobiles will be provided by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway to convey the party over the thirty-five miles of avenue of the famous battlefield. An illustrated lecture on the historic

struggle will be given in the Courthouse for the benefit of the visitors.

They will rise early on Saturday morning and begin a journey to Atlantic City. The same evening they will be received as the guests of the Hotelmen's Association of that resort. They will leave Atlantic City on Sunday at 4:45 p. m. on special trains furnished by the Pennsylvania Railroad, arriving in Philadelphia shortly after 6 o'clock.

Skull Fractured by Cake of Ice MAHANAY CITY, Pa., Oct. 3.—Falling from a ladder while loading ice into a butcher's refrigerator here, Stephen Noss, a driver, was struck on the head by a cake of ice and his skull was fractured. His condition is critical.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- William Harrison, Lincoln University, Pa., and Martha E. Wright, 3235 Sussex st.
Edward S. Murray, 2150 Tenth st., and Mildred M. Tiel, 1804 N. 12th st.
McFarland, 2141 N. Lover st., and Mary Charles E. Striegel, 4332 Odgersmont st.
Freda M. Gmerek, 1130 Odgersmont st., and John J. Peendergat, 200 N. 32d st. and Margaret Keenan, 4225 Cedar ave.
George Bratber, 4725 Cuthbert st., and Catherine Durston, 4225 Cedar ave.
George Turner, 3303 Meion st., and Rebecca Henry J. Schlotthauer, 1430 W. Hager st.
James W. Pennington, 533 N. Fifth st.
Elizabeth Klipstrock, 333 N. Fifth st.
Moses Boravsky, Charleston, W. Va., and Bas D. Samuels, 515 S. 9th st.
Ivan Svecny, 484 N. Mildred st.
Coach, 484 N. Mildred st.
Jacob A. Binzenger, 1818 N. 16th st., and Olga R. Loh, 1322 N. 18th st.
Elihu M. Griffin, 800 Frankford ave., and Harold E. Marco, 1720 N. Philip st., and Ross Gibbs, 4720 N. Philip st.
Konstantin Dolbanarsky, 2817 Queen lane, and Aron Barner, 1224 Carlton st., and Frances Washington, 1224 Carlton st.
Caleb Butler, 4234 Fairmount ave., and Gertrude Evans, 4234 Fairmount ave.
Felix Adels, 1406 Wharton st., and Mary Steyer, 418 Bond st.
John J. Hall, 3808 Loxwick ave., and Elizabeth Burton, 1017 Brandysway st.
Louis B. Gorr, 1100 S. 18th st., and Mary V. Meiserman, 2130 E. 18th st.
Thomas P. Griffin, 1410 Stiles st., and Marguerite M. Fallon, 1412 Stiles st.
Thomas Himebright, 2248 Wharton st., and Sara J. White, Conestoga, Pa.
Joseph E. Marshall, 2414 N. Delbit st., and Marjorie B. Fowler, 1971 Hunting Park ave.
Albert Gussman, 1235 Emily st., and Bertha Washington, 1235 Emily st.
John E. Jarzabek, 2020 N. Randolph st., and Rose Schreiber, 2013 S. Norwood st.
Robert Schneider, 2013 S. Norwood st., and Edward H. Blum, 436 W. Brighthouse st.
Eldo M. Hall, 436 W. Brighthouse st.
Edward R. Dunn, 1340 Pike st., and Marion R. M. Dade, 4410 N. 13th st.
Charles H. Diner, 2114 S. Chadwick st., and Susan L. Robinson, 2432 S. 12th st.
James Wilmer, 285 Northeast boulevard, and Alice Pallett, 4801 N. 24th st.
Edward G. Hill, 1814 Cayuga st., and Bertha Ditty, Shamokin, Pa.

YORK COUNTY OPENS ITS SIXTY-THIRD FAIR

Children's Day Marks Initial Program of Agricultural Society—Many Exhibits

YORK, Pa., Oct. 3.—Children's day was observed at the opening of the sixty-third annual county fair here today and several thousand youngsters were the guests of the managers of the York County Agricultural Society.

With an overflow of exhibits in all departments, an enlarged midway and racing attractions, there is every indication of attendance records being broken with favorable weather during the week.

One hundred and two poultry fanciers from United States and Canada are showing 1100 fowls. The display in Horticultural Hall is considered the finest, especially of fruit east of the Rocky Mountains this year. The Kreuz Creek valley and Loganville and Springfield farmers' clubs and Manchester Grange have the largest exhibits of farm products. The quality and quantity of apples and grapes being shown are much above the ordinary, reflecting the success of growers in southern Pennsylvania. Four exhibitors alone have 410 peaches of grapes entered. The cattle, sheep and swine exhibits are also of a high character.

Edward Hutchinson made the first balloon ascension this afternoon.

WILL TRY STOUGH CASES

Application for Continuance Denied by Luzerne County Judge

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 3.—Application for a continuance of the three slander suits, brought against Evangelist Henry W. Stough, has been denied by Judge Straus. Damages to the amount of \$50,000 are demanded in each case.

James Scarlet, representing the evangelist, asked for a continuance. The cases are listed for trial in November and December. Scarlet sought to have them go over until the January term on the ground that he would be busy in the United States Court at Pittsburgh. Counsel for the Hazelton men objected to further continuance. The matter may come before the court again shortly before the time they are listed for trial.

BAPTISTS HERE OPEN 209TH CONVENTION

Three-Day Session Begins This Afternoon in Second Baptist Church

Clergymen and laymen, representing ninety-two churches in this city and vicinity, will attend the 209th annual session of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, which opens this afternoon in the Second Baptist Church, on Seventh street, below Girard avenue. The convention will be in session for three days.

The annual gathering will begin a lengthy business program, following the devotional exercises, which will be conducted by the Rev. H. W. Baross, of the Frankford Avenue Baptist Church. A report on education will be made by the Rev. E. R. Reinhold, of the Crosser Theological Seminary. The introductory sermon will be spoken by the Rev. Rutger Cox, of the Tioga Baptist Church.

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To the Public We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the most generous support accorded us during our sale of last month. We sold and reserved an enormous quantity of Furs, comprising the best values ever offered in the history of the Fur trade of this city. Pressure is being brought to bear, by mail and phone, from many friends and patrons who were unable to take advantage of this sale, requesting us to continue the liberal terms during this month. We are carefully considering these inquiries, and will announce our decision within the next 48 hours. Fortunately, through advance purchases at a time when Fur buying was economical, and with ready cash, we were able to assemble the largest assortment of Furs that we have ever collected. It is with this fact in mind, that we may favorably decide to allow an attractive discount during the month of October. Due announcement will be made in the Evening Ledger within the next two days. In the meanwhile, we thank you. (Signed) Hanson & DeMay 1115 Chestnut Street (Opposite Keith's)

To the Association of Traveling Passenger Agents Gentlemen:— The Ledgers welcome you to Philadelphia. Within the past year you have given the traveling public an extraordinary service. Our national prosperity and the suspension of European travel confronted you with unprecedented difficulties—problems which you handled so adroitly the public scarcely knew they existed. The Ledgers venture to express Philadelphia's appreciation of your labors. There is a bond of union between the Association of Traveling Passenger Agents and the Ledgers. One part of the service the Ledgers give Philadelphia is to advise and aid the city's travelers in the selection of routes, hotels, and the detail of tours. The Ledger Bureau of Travel Information will interest you. This is a personal invitation to you to investigate it, and to comment freely upon its service. The Bureau is located at Ledger Central—the uptown office of the Ledgers—at Broad and Chestnut Streets. Your kindly interest in the Bureau will meet with a cordial welcome. Mr. W. E. Perkins is in charge. THE LEDGERS The Papers That Serve Philadelphia